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SUBJECT: DUTCH PREFER MAINTAIN FREEDOM OF ACTION
IN UN

1. DUTCH PRESS REPORTS THAT FONMIN VAN DER STOEL
COMMENTED AFTER FEB 13 FONMINS MEETING IN DUBLIN THAT
NETHERLANDS NOT ONLY WISHES TO COOPERATE ON UN MATTERS
WITH ITS EC PARTNERS, BUT ALSO WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.
FONMIN'S VIEW WAS THAT HOLLAND SHOULD AVOID EVEN
SEMBLANCE OF BEING LOCKED INTO UNITARY POSITIONS WITH
THE NINE. POINTING OUT THAT GON RESERVED RIGHT TO
GO-IT-ALONE WHEN THERE CLEAR DIFFERENCES OF OPINION,
MINISTER NOTED THAT DUTCH WERE OFTEN WILLING GO
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FURTHER THAN ITS PARTNERS, ESPECIALLY ON MATTERS OF

DEVELOPMENT AID.

2. MFA OFFICIAL WHO WE QUERIED ON FONMIN'S STATEMENT
SAID FRG HAS PROPOSED THAT ITEM ON STRENGTHENING UN
COOPERATION BE PUT ON AGENDA FOR EC DISCUSSIONS.
POLITICAL COMMITTEE NOW CHARGED WITH PREPARING A PAPER
ON SUBJECT. VAN DER STOEL WAS, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL,
SIMPLY STATING STANDING DUTCH POLICY ON THIS SUBJECT.
GON WANTS SEE EC COOPERATION, BELIEVES COOPERATION HAS
BEEN GROWING IN RECENT YEARS, BUT DOES NOT WANT LET BIGGER
AND MORE CONSERVATIVE EC COUNTRIES DETERMINE DUTCH VOTING
POSTURE, WHICH, ALONG WITH IRELAND AND OCCASIONALLY
DENMARK, IS INCREASINGLY MORE SYMPATHETIC TO WISHES OF
DEVELOPING WORLD.
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